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## Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Those in larger cities often have access to services that are not available to residents in more rural areas. One of the areas in which rural communities tend to lag behind is access to communications and data technology.

This is why I am writing you in support of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. I represent a largely rural district in north central Wisconsin that would benefit greatly from this merger and the availability of higher-quality Internet access.

The merger with T-Mobile would allow AT&T to significantly expand its network coverage, reaching further into rural areas such my district. This means that more of our residents would gain access to wireless broadband and high-speed Internet, along with improved voice and data services.

These improvements could help grow my district by attracting and retaining businesses and residents who insist upon this modern telecom technology. This merger is good for my district and the many other rural areas throughout the state of Wisconsin. I urge you to support it.

Regards,

Representative Scott Suder 69<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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